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SUBJECT: SECOND CECAF SESSION ON FISHERY DEVELOPMENT, II

1. SECOND SESSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISHERY DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY COMMITTEE FOR EASTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC (CECAF) WAS HELD IN LOME, TOGO, MARCH 3-5, 1977. SESSION, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF A.K. FREEMAN (LIBERIA) WAS ATTENDED BY 16 MEMBER NATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNDP, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND BY ONE NON-MEMBER STATE.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE HEARD ABOUT STATE OF FISHERY STOCKS IN CECAF REGION WHICH SHOWED MOST STOCKS ARE NOW BEING HEAVILY FISHED, AND IN SOME CASES EXCESSIVELY FISHED. NEED FOR COASTAL STATES TO PLAN BOTH DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS WAS CONSIDERED.

3. SUB-COMMITTEE REVIEWED NEEDS OF COASTAL STATES TO DEVELOP AQUACULTURE, IMPROVE FISHING TECHNOLOGY, FURTHER EXPAND TRAINING COURSES-BOTH SHORT-TERM SEMINARS AND LONG RANGE ACADEMIC TRAINING FOR FISHER MANAGERS. STRESS WAS GIVEN TO TRAINING BOTH MEN AND WOMEN IN EXTENSION WORK TO ENABLE LARGE NUMBERS OF ARTISANAL FISHERMEN TO RECEIVE HELP IN MODERNIZING.

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4. SUB-COMMITTEE NEXT HEARD REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY CREATED CECAF OPERATION (JAN. '75-DEC. '76) IN WHICH REFERENCE WAS MADE TO RECENT PUBLICATION OF STATISTICAL BULLETIN, RESEARCH CRUISE OF CHARTERED SOVIET RESEARCH VESSEL FIOLENT, PROPOSED STUDY ON LAGOON AQUACULTURE IN BENIN AND NIGERIA, MAJOR REPORT ON FISHING INDUSTRY FROM MOROCCO TO LIBERIA, AND OF EFFORTS TO

TO PROMOTE FISHERY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

5. FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN CEEAF REGION, DURING REMAINING 15 MONTHS OF PROJECT, WERE DIRECTED TOWARD RECRUITMENT OF BOTH A PROJECT AND A REGIONAL FISHERY STATISTICIAN, DEVELOPMENT OF SHORT-AND LONG-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FURTHER RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN STOCK ANALYSIS. ASSISTANCE IN MEETING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE REGION WERE OFFERED BY SPAIN, KOREA AND NORWAY. NORWAY ALSO INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF USING FAO/NORAD RV FRIDTJOF NANSEN FOR RESEARCH SURVEYS.

6. MEETING ENDED WITH CALLS TO EXTEND CEEAF PROGRAM BEYOND JUNE 78 TERMINATION DATE IN VIEW OF PROGRESS MADE BY AGENCY IN LAST 2 YEARS WHICH NOW, IT WAS FELT, WAS BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT. PALMER

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